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EMPLOYMENT TO ILLITERATE PERSONS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has evolved any scheme for providing regular employment to the labourers who are illiterate or educated upto 5th standard during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the name of sectors wherein additional job opportunities likely to be generated consequent upon said scheme alongwith the number thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) (b) and (c): The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan envisages creation of 70 million new work opportunities. This is for all categories of unemployed, viz. illiterate/educated/semi-skilled/skilled/unskilled. The Approach Paper provides an opportunity to restructure policies to achieve a new vision based on faster, more broad- based and inclusive growth.It aims at making employment generation an integral part of the growth process and devise strategies to accelerate not only growth of employment but also enhancement of wages of the poorly paid.The Approach Paper to the Eleventh Five Year Plan contains following important policy initiatives for generation of employment:

(i) In order to make growth more inclusive, it is vital that more people gain access to more productive assets with which they can themselves generate decent incomes and also that GDP growth generates sufficient demand for wage labour so that those who can not be self-employed are employed at decent wages.

(ii) Targeting faster growth in GDP and doubling of agriculture growth will help in this process.Besides, additional employment opportunities would be generated in the services and manufacturing sectors. Measures would need be taken to boost labour intensive manufacturing sectors such as food processing, leather products, footwear and textiles and service sectors such as tourism and construction.

(iv) Village and small scale enterprises (VSE) will provide most of the new employment opportunities during the 11th Plan.

(iv) The National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005 (NREGA) assures every rural household at least 100 days of manual work at minimum wages.

Besides, Government of India continues to implement various employment generation and poverty alleviation programmes in both rural and urban areas to increase employment opportunities. Some of these are: Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana; Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana; Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana;Rural Employment Generation Programme and Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana.